

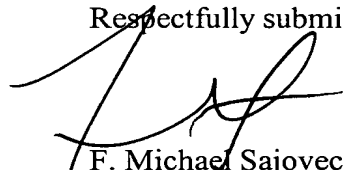
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REMARKS

Claims 17, 25, 27, and 92 are pending in the application. Claims 17, 25, 27 and 92 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. After discussion with the Examiner, Applicant has amended Claims 17 and 92 to recite that A is carbon. Thus, Claims 17 and 92 should be allowable. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications on any of the cancelled claims in the application including claims wherein A is defined as a Group IVa element.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

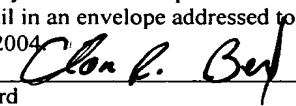


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